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LETTER OF SUPPORT

Hilda L. Solis, Chair
Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street, Room 383
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Via Fax: (213) 613-1739

**SUBJECT: LOS ANGELES COUNTY PHARMACEUTICALS AND SHARPS COLLECTION
AND DISPOSAL STEWARDSHIP ORDINANCE**

Dear Supervisor Solis:

On behalf of the City of La Mirada, I am writing in support of the Los Angeles County's Pharmaceuticals and Sharps Collection and Disposal Stewardship Ordinance, which would require the development of Stewardship Plans to address the collection and disposal of unwanted/unused pharmaceuticals and sharps waste generated by residents.

The ordinance included input from various stakeholders and establishes a sustainably-financed program that will provide residents with a convenient means to safely dispose of unwanted sharps and pharmaceuticals and help to prevent them from entering the environment, reduce their availability for drug abuse and misuse, and reduce injuries associated with sharps being improperly disposed. With access to safe and convenient disposal options, as well as a robust outreach and education program, residents will be more informed of the appropriate collection and disposal methods.

The passage of this ordinance would ensure that manufacturers and producers of prescription and nonprescription drugs and sharps share in the responsibility of proper disposal of their products. Local cities support this shared responsibility approach as the costs of managing these materials at the end of their life should not solely come from local jurisdictions.

For these reasons, the City of La Mirada supports the Los Angeles County's Pharmaceuticals and Sharps Collection and Disposal Stewardship Ordinance.

Sincerely,

CITY OF LA MIRADA

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